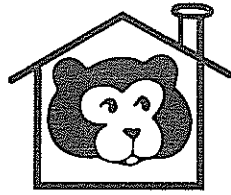


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Dear Mr. Marshall:

I am writing on behalf of Bear Valley Residents, Inc., the homeowners' organization representing the ratepayers of Bear Valley Water District. On behalf of our 250 members, this letter is to express our strong support for the NPDES permit draft requiring secondary treatment. Because of the unique characteristics of Bear Valley and its heavy annual snowfall on the polishing reservoir, BVWD data indicates that our effluent is substantially tertiary under the current system. Discharge to surface waters is likely only under extreme conditions (1-in-25 year events, or even less frequently), and there is no, or minimal, net environmental benefit to support the huge expense of a formal tertiary requirement. It is the stated policy of our District to discharge only in emergencies, and there has been no discharge in over ten years.

Bear Valley Water District ratepayers are strongly in favor of secondary treatment. Any comments that we favored tertiary treatment six years ago are untrue and based on a misunderstanding of the circumstances surrounding the issuance of our prior discharge permit.

Respectfully,

David R. Morley

President, BVRI